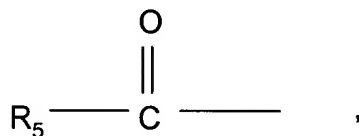


Applicants' Remarks

Herein, Applicants kindly request that all claims properly indicated as being rejected in the 11/15/06 Office Action be cancelled. The claims for which cancellation is requested are claims 1 – 5, 7, and 14 – 27.

Claims 6, 8-13 were indicated in the 11/15/06 Office Action as being objected to, and the claims 6, 8, 11, 12 have been herein currently amended to include all the limitations of the base claim(s) from which they depended. Regarding the current amendment to claim 6, the proviso which was originally in claim 1 as written, that stated:

" at least one of R₁, R₂, R₃, and R₄ are the group:



in which R₅ is in each occurrence independently hydrogen or any C₁ to C₂₀ hydrocarbyl group"

does not appear in claim 6 as amended herein, because the above language, if retained, would have been redundant with other portions of the language present in claim 6, particularly the clause in claim 6 which began with "wherein both of the substituents in a pair....". Similarly, claims 8, 11, and 12 have been amended herein to only include the necessary limitations from the claims from which they earlier depended, but not including language which would have caused redundancy, were it retained.

The Office Action of 11/15/06 indicated in the Office Action Summary that claims 1-7 stood rejected, yet it is clear from the remainder of that Office Action that claim 6 is not rejected, particularly page 5 of the Office Action in which claim 6 is identified as being objected to under

the heading of "Allowable Subject Matter" , coupled with the lack of any reference to claim 6 in any of the rejections under 35 USC 102 and 35 USC 103 therein.

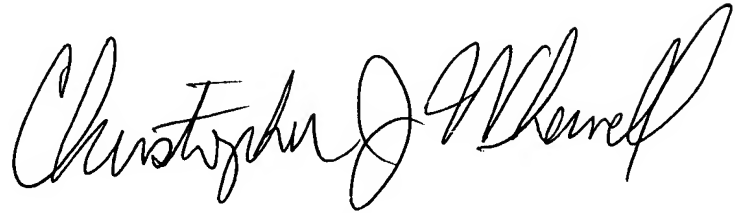
No new fees are due in connection with any claim amendments herein, because the total number of dependent and independent claims pending remains fewer than the number of each originally paid for.

Claims 28 – 62 were previously withdrawn from consideration, and remain withdrawn.

Thus, the claim amendments herein presented, are presented for the sole purpose of overcoming objections as to form.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims 6, 8 – 13 , as amended herein, should now be in condition for allowance. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher J. Whewell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

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